tractors trailors, buses and carts are plying on the Indian roads without back light, resulting in fatal accidents; if so, whether Government would consider to make such violations congnizable offences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Government have already framed appropriate rules under provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act which provide for necessary instructions regarding safe transportation of hazardous goods. Apropriate instructions are issued to the State Government from time to time to ensure proper implementation of these regulations. Violation of these norms is punishable both in terms of Motor Vehicles Act and other relevant laws of the land.

(c) The condition of road can be one of the causative factors in such accidents. However, development and maintenance of National Highways/Expressways is a continuous process and subject to the availability of funds, various schemes are approved and implemented for improving the conditions of roads.

(d) No, Sir. the Central Motor Vehicle Rules provide for fitment of signalling devices, direction indicators, stop lights, lamps (both front and rear), reflection lights, parking light, spot light etc. for different type of vehicles as per their dimensions. Violation of any of these requirements is also a punishable offence.

Maintenance of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

2625. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the actual amount released so far for the maintenance and repair of National Highways during 1994-95; and

(b) what portion of the distressed stretches of National Highways in Uttar Pradesh still remains to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A sum of Rs. 1588.98 lakhs has been released so far to the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for maintenance and repair of National Highways during 1994-95.

(b) Maintenance of the distressed stretches of the National Highways is a continuous process which is done within the available funds to keep the roads in traffic worthy condition.

'Pollution Under Check' Rule For Diesel Vehicles

2626. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pollution Under Check (PUC) rule is not applicable to diesel vehicles;

(b) if so, what is the mechanism by which the pollution of diesel vehicles would be kept under check; and

(c) what are the reasons for excluding diesel vehicles from PUC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का रख-रखाव

2627. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की लम्बाई कितनी है;

(ख) राज्य में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के किन-किन खंडों में बाढ़ और तूफान के कारण हानि पहुंचने की संभावना रहती है;

(ग) इन्हें प्राकृतिक आपदाओं से बचाने के लिए

क्या-क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार द्वारा राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के स्थायी और उपयुक्त रूप से रख-रखाव की व्यवस्था की गई है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर): (क) 1631 कि०मी०

(ख) तथा (ग) गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के ऐसे कोई खंड नहीं हैं जो सामान्य बाढ़ और तूफान से क्षतिग्रस्त होते हों। जब कभी राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण क्षतिग्रस्त होते हैं तो न्यूनतम संभव समय के भीतर उन्हें तुरन्त कार्यक्षम बनाने के लिए सभी प्रयास किए जाते हैं।

(घ) तथा (ङ) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों का अनुरक्षण और मरम्मत एक सतत कार्य है जिसे उपलब्ध निधियों के भीतर उन्हें यातायात योग्य स्थिति में रखने के लिए किया जाता है।

Road Accidents in Delhi

2628. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delhi tops accident victims list", as reported to "Statesman" dated the 9th January, 1995;

(b) if so, whether Government have evolved any policy to check rising number of accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the number of road accidents which took place in the capital during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Steps taken/being taken to reduce road accidents in Delhi are given in the Statement (*See* below)

(d) Number of accidents in Delhi during last three years is as under:

Year	No. of accidents
1992	8506
1993	8475
1994	9050

Statement

Steps taken/being taken to reduce accidents in Delhi.

1. 1995 is being observed as 'Road Safety Year'. All the State Governments have been requested to take effective measures to reduce road accidents and carry out various publicity campaign throughout the year.
2. The Transport Department, Delhi has set up a Motor Driving Training School to impart driver training on scientific lines.
3. Measures have been taken to ensure strict compliance of provisions of Motor Vehicles Act with regard to issue of driving licences as well as fitness of the vehicles.
4. Refresher Courses for the drivers were started in November, 1992 and are going on. The drivers are subjected to proficiency test. Besides, training programmes are also being run by Loss Prevention Association of India. National Association of Critical Care Medicine (India), New Delhi has also conducted 60 one day training programmes for drivers at Inspection Pit, Burari, New Delhi which were attended by about 6,500 drivers.
5. The Delhi Police have also taken following steps to check the accidents:
   i) Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.
   ii) Organising special drives against rash and negligent driving, driving without licence, drunken driving and red light jumping, etc.
   iii) Regular prosectuion of violation by issue of notice.